

AGENDA: September 24, 2002

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Services

TITLE: Kite Buggies—Use of Parking Lot E at Shoreline at Mountain View

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a pilot program allowing the use of kite buggies in Parking Lot E at Shoreline at Mountain View.

FISCAL IMPACT—None.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Periodically, Parking Lot E at Shoreline at Mountain View has been used by kite buggies. Kite buggies are nonmotorized wheeled vehicles with a seat for the rider and kite-like sails that propel the vehicle (Attachment 1—Photo). Upon review, it was discovered that the Mountain View Municipal Code (38.13g) prohibits wheeled vehicles from using any part of a park other than those areas designated for such use. Parking Lot E is not designated for kite buggies; therefore, kite buggies were asked to stop using their vehicles in the area.

A request from kite buggies to use Parking Lot E at Shoreline at Mountain View for kite buggies was forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission in June 2002 (Attachment 2—Staff Report). After review and discussion (Attachment 3—Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes), the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending the Council approve a pilot program allowing kite buggies in Parking Lot E. The number of users at any one time is small (fewer than five). The vehicles are nonmotorized and do not disturb others. Kite buggies have been respectful of the area and do not leave trash. There have been no complaints or reported injuries to date.

The proposed pilot program would be monitored for one year with a report returned to the Commission at the end of that time. While staff originally had recommended the Commission deny the request for kite buggies in Parking Lot E, further investigation, discussion with another city that allows kite bugging and a better understanding of the sport have lead staff to also support the request.

ALTERNATIVES

Not allow kite-buggy use in Parking Lot E at Shoreline at Mountain View.

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PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. Notices posted in Parking Lot E. Notice mailed to interested parties attending the Parks and Recreation Commission's June meeting.

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Attachments: 1. Photo
2. Staff Report
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes